Ewecross Historical Society Newsletter March 2010

The AGM will be held on Monday 19 April followed by a Dinner at The Old School, Tatham Fells (behind the Church)

Once again, a small team, members of the Society, has volunteered to make a sit-down buffet at the Old School. Those members who found it last year - and all did - had an excellent meal and a lovely evening! Because several people said that they enjoyed the sociability, the Committee has not planned a speaker for this year, especially as there will be a full agenda for the AGM.

If you would like to come only to the AGM, that is possible and the starting time will be 7.30, finishing around 8.15pm

If you would like to eat afterwards, this needs to be booked by 7 April. Please contact David Gibson (61942 or cdgibson@talktalk.net) to confirm you can still come on the revised date. The cost is £8 and space is limited to 40.
Eric Baker has a map – for any other information contact Eric or Margaret Baker (64865)

We did not get our bid from the Millennium Trust last year, and this year we have been told it is unlikely we would be successful as another region of Yorkshire has been targeted. We are still exploring funds for web design for David Johnson's photographs of Bentham and for equipment. Nonetheless, it is thought that we should update our Constitution, and attached is the proposal to discuss at the Annual Meeting.

Summer outings*:*

If you would like a lift from Bentham or to car share, meet at Lairgill Car park on each occasion

Contact number: 015242 61382 (Sara Mason)

Saturday 15 May: Walk round Ingleton with John Bentley 2pm

Meet at the Community Centre at 2pm

Saturday 26 June: Appleby with Sir Martin Holdgate.

Further to Mark Rand's excellent talk in February we will be travelling as a group on the Settle-Carlisle line. Martin Holdgate is a renowned expert on Appleby and will be joining us at Kirkby Stephen and giving the rest of the day to us at Appleby. Numbers are limited to 30 (this is nearly reached) but any further enquiries to David Gibson (61942)

The train we will leave on is the **9.50 from Settle, arriving at Appleby at 10.47**. This is a stopping train and we will have a guide and railway enthusiast with us, Canon Bill Greetham.
Return: **leave Appleby** (on a non-stopping train) **at 16.26 arrive Settle at 17.16.**

The cost of the day is £12, including a small charge to cover our guides' lunches. David Gibson would be glad to be paid in advance (or will collect on the train)

Lunch - numbers are booked at The Royal Oak which serves a good variety of food including sandwiches.

Saturday 24th July. Crack the code: a Palaeography class at the Cumbria Record Office, Kendal with Margaret Owen (Senior Archivist) From 2pm.

Come and find out how to read 16th century (and later) documents. Some enjoy the challenge as much as solving crosswords. Also useful for family and local historians. We shall use sources relating to the plague in Kendal in 1598.

Access to the Record Office will be through the door to County Offices in the rear car park. (County Offices is the large building at the bottom of the Windermere Road). Address: County Offices, Stricklandgate, Kendal, LA9 4RQ.

Margaret has very kindly offered to give her time at no charge. You are welcome just to turn up!

Next year's programme

Monday 27 Sept	Sir Martin Holdgate	Appleby
Monday 25 Oct	Peter Higginbotham	Workhouses
Monday 29 Nov	*John Dickinson*	*Misericords*
Monday 31 Jan 2010	Tom Clare	Cumbrian Stone Circles
Monday 28 Feb	Richard Whinwray	Tot Lord: one of the Yorkshire. Dales' greatest characters
Monday 28 March	Ivan Day	Cumbrian Food

From John Wilson, Edward Huddleston and Jack Warbrick:

Bookfairs in the locality (all 10am to 4 pm unless otherwise stated):

Monday 5 April	Settle
Sunday & Monday 2 & 3 May	Clapham Village Hall
Sunday 30 May	Ingleton Community Centre
Saturday 12 June	Gargrave Village Hall
Saturday 19 June	Arkholme Village Hall
Sunday 25 July	Clapham Village Hall
Saturday 14 August	Settle

Sunday 12 September	Ingleton Community Centre
Saturday 2 October	Gargrave Village Hall
Saturday 9 October	Hornby Village Hall

Anne Wilson has constructed the website for the Society, with links. A copy of this newsletter will be available from April at
http://www.tathamfells.me.uk/ewecross/publications.htm

SUBSCRIPTIONS

For as long as any committee member can remember subscriptions have been £5. We have made losses for the last two years and although we have funds of £2,000 it is time to increase the subscriptions. One of the reasons for this is that are now meeting in the upper hall. This costs £15 more than the lower hall and adds a large amount to our costs. It is sensible to move upstairs as we are outgrowing the lower hall which is limited to sixty people and we have hit this number. The average attendance is higher than it was. We have approximately 60 members so our maximum income would be £480 plus £90 from visitors over the year. Speakers' fees are increasing and I have allowed £300 for this. The attached budget shows an income of £690 and outgoings of £741 giving a loss of £51 although we usually get some additional income so I would hope not to make a loss.

BUDGET 2010

Income			Expenditure		
Subscriptions	60 @ £10	600	Hall Hire	6 @ £44.28	266
Visitors	45 @ £2	90	Speakers	6 @ £50	300
			Hire of projector	3 @ £15	45
			Subscriptions	£52 & £8	60
			Admin newsletter + programme		50
			Refreshments		20
		690			**741**
Estimated loss		**51**			